(a) the quantity of pepper exported during the year 1991-92;

(b) the State which produced the maximum quantity; and

(c) whether there is any increase in the export of pepper this year as compared to previous three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Provisional figures of export of pepper during 1991-92 (April-February) are 13,305 MT valued at Rs. 48.81 crores.

(b) The major pepper producing State is Kerala.

(c) No, Sir, the export of pepper has declined this year as compared to the previous three years due to a number of reasons which include low production and uncertain situation in the earstwhile USSR.

[*Translation*]

Loan Assistance to Uttar Pradesh

5084. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the loan assistance provided by the Union Government to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of the works/programmes undertaken/implemented with this assistance during each of the above years; and

(c) the areas in the State where such works/programmes are being undertaken/implemented during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The amounts of loan assistance provided to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years under normal Central assistance, additional Central assistance for externally aided projects and the Hill Areas Development Programmes are as under:-

Year	*(Rs. in crores)*
1988-89	593.02
1989-90	725.84
1990-91	902.58

(b) and (c). Assistance to States for financing their Annual Plan outlays and other Area Programmes are provided as Block Loans and Block Grants and are not related to any particular works/programmes.

[*English*]

Export of Granite

5058. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target set for the export of granite for the year 1991-92 has been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the targets fixed for its export during Eighth Five Year Plan or by 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Exports of Granite and Granite Products are expected to reach Rs. 700 crores by 1994-95 subject to availability of various